



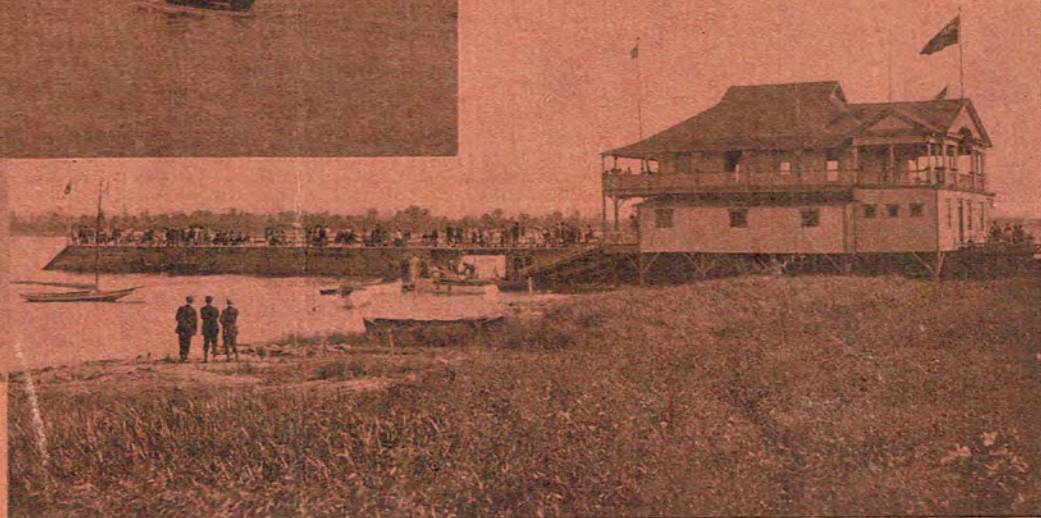
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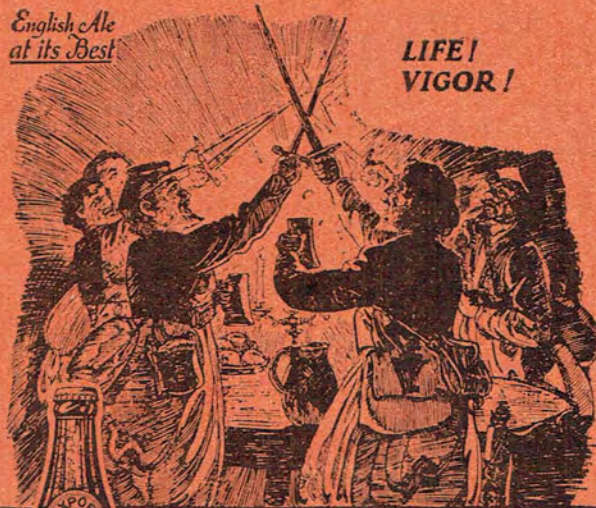
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Personal & Regimental

Brig. General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G., visited The Cavalry Barracks on Wednesday, April 23rd.

No. 93, Cpl. S/S. E. "Umps" Taylor, R.C.D., of "B" Sqn. Toronto, has been promoted to the rank of Farrier Sergeant. "Umps" is one of the "old timers," and will be remembered by many of our Old Comrades. We extend our hearty congratulations to him on his promotion.

Captain and Brevet Major W. J. Morgan, R.C.A.V.C., who was the Veterinary Officer at this Station, has resigned his commission in the Permanent Force.

No. 102, S/Sgt. W. T. C. Ellis, "A" Sqn. R.C.D., has been awarded the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal. S/Sgt. Ellis enlisted in the 20th Hussars (Imp.) Feb. 5th, 1905 and served with them until Feb. 4th, 1913. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Dragoons at Toronto on Nov. 25th, 1913 and has had continuous service with us since that date. Passing all the various grades of promotion he finished up in France as Regimental Sergeant Major, and on the post-war re-organization was appointed a Sergeant. He is now Staff Sergeant Orderly Room Clerk with "A" Squadron, at St. Johns. S/Sgt. Ellis, or "Nobby" will be remembered by our Old Comrades for his work on the platform at our smoking concerts, and his popular songs—"Would You Mind Passing the Salt," "Drinking Drops of Gin," etc., are familiar to us all. Here's our congratulations to you "Nobby" on your long and good record of service.

Captain Hamilton Harrower, late of the Lord Strathcona's Horse, visited Barracks on May 8.

Major General W. Bethune Lindsay (late Royal Canadian Engineers) who commanded the Canadian Engineers in France, was a visitor at the Cavalry Barracks last month.

Q.M.S.(I) J. H. Dowdell, R.C.D., and Q.M.S.(I) A. M. Doyle, R.C.D., who have been taking a special course at Stanley Barracks, for the past few months, have returned to St. Johns. It is obvious that they were well fed whilst in Toronto.

The following officers from Headquarters Military District No. 4, visited Barracks during the past month:

Brig. General C. J. Armstrong, C.B., C.M.G.

Colonel L. LeDue.

Col. M. A. Piche, R.C.A.V.C.

Col. A. J. Cameron, C.M.G., C.A.M.C.

Lt. Col. R. O. Alexander, D.S.O.

Lt. Col. B. C. White, M.C., R.C.O.C.

Major R. Knox, R.C.A.S.C.

Major W. Neilson, D.S.O.

Major R. H. Irwin, R.C.E.

Captain McCully, R.C.O.C.

Col. T. J. O. Gagnon, R.C.A.P.C.

"Maggie" and "Jiggs" the two pit ponies who have been with us since our first visit to Cape Breton were sold at the market in St. Johns last month. When they first arrived "Maggie" was about six months old, and "Jiggs" about three months old. During their Army life they have grown into fat healthy ponies, and although they will probably miss their life of ease and luxury and be called upon to do a bit of work, nevertheless they have been spared a terrible existence in the coal mines—hundreds of feet below ground with only an occasional glimpse of the light of day.

Nursing Sister L. G. Squire, R.R.C., Royal Canadian Army

Medical Corps, who has been stationed at the Hospital here for the past fifteen months has resigned from the Permanent Force. Miss Squire offered her services and proceeded overseas in the early days of the war, she was sent to Russia with a party of Canadian Nurses, and did duty in several Russian hospitals until the time of the revolution, when she was called back to England, and then proceeded to France. On returning to Canada she joined the Permanent Force and was stationed at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg, until she came to St. Johns. We are very sorry to say good-bye to Miss Squire and we wish her every happiness in the future.

Nursing Sister F. H. Wylie, R.R.C., R.C.A.M.C., has been transferred to St. Johns from Halifax, and we extend to her a very hearty welcome.

The Engineers have just completed an improvement that was greatly needed at this Station, namely a new hardwood floor in the Men's Mess Room.

Pte. Armstrong, R.C.A.M.C., who left us last year to join the R.C.A.M.C., and has been stationed at the Prince of Wales Barracks, Montreal, for the past year; has now been transferred to the Hospital at this Station, and is looking after our minor ailments again.

While the Regimental Guidon was at St. Johns it was escorted to the Sergeants' and Men's Messes in order to give those members of the Regiment, who had not previously had an opportunity, the privilege of seeing it.

Mrs. E. L. Caldwell and Masters Richard and Kenneth Caldwell sailed for England on the SS. Minnedosa. They expect to remain abroad for the summer, and on their return will join Major Caldwell at Fort Osborne Barracks, Winnipeg.

"If you persist in sitting in shell holes, you'll get wet in the end."

MILITIA NOTES.

Major L. McM Hooker of the 6th Duke of Connaught's Canadian Hussars, has been transferred to the 17th Duke of York's Royal Canadian Hussars, and has been appointed Second in Command of the regiment.

It is expected that a Cavalry Camp School will be held at the Royal School of Cavalry, St. Johns, from June 14th to June 29th, 1924. The strength of the School will be about 60 officers and 150 other ranks from Military Districts Nos. 4, 5, and 6.

The Camp lines will be situated as in previous years, beside the Richelieu River, in the field just south of the Barracks. The Officers will mess in the officers' mess of "A" Squadron, R.C.D., whilst the Sergeants will have the privilege of the use of the Station Sergeants' Mess.

Major Stethem left his car standing outside the Mount Royal Hotel the other evening and on returning to it, found the radiator cap, a rug and several other movable parts missing. So far our local detective agency has been unable to locate the missing articles.

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Sitting—Lt. Col. A. McMillan, Major D. B. Bowie, Major W. A. Blue, Major H. Stethem, Capt. G. Williams, Lieut. F. A. Warren, Lieut. L. D. Hammond, Capt. D. A. Grant, Capt. A. Case, Lt. Col. W. H. Muirhead, Major R. B. Nordheimer, Lt. Col. E. A. Williams.

**Officers Re-union
Dinner.**

The annual Re-union Dinner for past and present officers of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, was held in the Officers' Mess of "A" Squadron, Royal Canadian Dragoons, at the Cavalry Barracks, St. Johns, Que., on Saturday evening, May 3rd at 8.30 p.m. For the past two years the dinner has been held at Stanley Barracks, Toronto, and by holding it this year in St. Johns many ex-officers from this part of the country who have not been able to get up to Toronto were able to be present.

Regimental Headquarters and "B" Squadron from Toronto, were represented by Major F. Sawers, M.C., R.C.D., Captain T. A. James, R.C.D., and Captain James Wood, R.C.D., who arrived early Saturday morning. Throughout the day the following ex-officers arrived:—Lt. Col. J. A. McMillan, D.S.O. (Knowlton, Que.); Lt. Col. W. H. Muirhead, O.B.E., Lt. Col. E. A. Williams, Capt. J. L. Smeaton, Capt. G. Williams (Montreal); Major E. A. Hethrington, Capt. Allan Case, Lieut. H. D. Warren, Lieut. F. A. Warren (Toronto); Major W. A.

Blue and Capt. H. N. Bate (Ottawa). The day was spent in renewing old acquaintances and by visiting the stables and other points of interest around Barracks. The above mentioned officers, together with the officers at present serving at this Station made up a total of twenty-two, who assembled in the anteroom before dinner. The Barrack Orchestra struck up the tune "Hail, Hail, the Gang's all Here" and dinner was announced.

The table was suitably decorated with regimental ribbon, and the various handsome cups belonging to the Squadron, the "Van Straubenzee Memorial Cup" forming the centre piece, whilst the flowers were of the regimental colours. The Guidon had been brought down from Regimental Headquarters and was draped at one end of the Mess Room.

The place cards were done in pen and ink sketches, by Mr. Le-Mesurier of the Montreal Star, and had a sketch of a mounted Dragoon on the outside, whilst inside was a sketch or a verse bearing reference to some dark incident concerning the past life of the recipient.

Before sitting down the officers posed for the picture which was

reproduce, which was taken by our Squadron photographer, L/Cpl. Coulter.

The dinner was admirably served and consisted of the following delicacies:—Assorted Hors D'Oeuvres "d'Amiens"; Consomme a la "Frevant"; Sole "Guillaume Blue" avec Citron; Sauce Tartare a "Le Marquise"; Filet Mignon a "Le Treport"; Tomates "Madeline"; Champignon de "Regina"; "Cici Pom-Pom" de terre; Pois a "Le Petite Chinois"; Asperge Froid de "Liege"; Vinailla Glace, Sauce Chocolat de "Dentin"; Fruits Assorte, Noisette de "Smeaton"; "Raison d'être" and Cafe avec Rhum de "Lenny Case."

The Barrack Orchestra furnished a programme of popular old wartime songs, in which all joined in the choruses and S/Sgt. Ellis, R.C.D., received a great reception when he rendered his old time favourites "Would you mind passing the Salt" and "Drinking Drops of Gin."

The Mess President (Captain M. Drury, R.C.D.) called the Mess to order and the Vice-President (Lieut. L. D. Hammond, R.C.D.) proposed the toast to "The King." Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., R.C.D. (the senior serving officer of the Regiment

sent) then expressed his regrets that Lt. Col. F. Gilman, D.S.O., R.C.D., the Commanding Officer of the Regiment, was unable to be present through illness, and read a telegram from Colonel Gilman. He also read many letters of regret and good wishes from other ex-officers who were unable to be present, amongst them a cablegram from Lieut. Victor Spalding from Lerwick, Shetland Islands. Lt. Col. McMillan, D.S.O., then proposed the toast to "The Regiment" which was responded to by Major Bowie, who then proposed the health of the ex-officers; Major W. A. Blue responded. The toast to the Depot Squadron, who had supplied so many officers and other ranks as reinforcements to the Regiment during the war, was proposed by Major R. B. Nordheimer, M.C., R.C.D., and responded to by Major E. A. Hethrington. Captain M. Drury, R.C.D., then proposed the toast to "Absent Friends" and glasses were raised in silence, whilst in the distance the trumpeters sounded the "Last Post," and "Reveille." Captain N. M. Halkett, M.C., R.C.A.M.C., replied to the toast to "Our Sister Branches of the Service." The Officers then adjourned to the anterooms where the balance of the evening was spent in reminiscences of bygone days, and many ancient battles were fought over again.

The following morning arrangements were made to have a group photograph taken on the lawn, at which all were present, except Lt. Col. McMillan, who unfortunately had to leave by an early morning train.

Many of the ex-officers visited the Sergeants' Mess to renew acquaintances with their former Troop Sergeants.

The following communique issued from Admiralty House reads as follows:—On the evening of the 3rd-4th instant our 1st Battle Cruiser fleet conducted evolutions off the coast near St. Johns, Que. The fleet, in command of Vice-Admiral De Boo, was comprised as follows:—

Battle Cruisers—H.M.S. "McMillan" (Capt. Johnny Mack); "Williams" (Capt. Nedd); "Muirhead" (Lieut. Com. Bal-diee); "Blue" (Flag Capt. Wm.

Archie); "Sleuth" (Rear Commodore Hubert). Light Cruisers—"Warren", "Warren II.", "Heather", "Bate", "Case", "Grant", "Drury", "Nordheimer", "Sawers", "Williams II." and "LeBlanc." Subs.—"James", "Wood", "Hammond" and "Halkett." Destroyer—"Smeat" (Commander Lindsay)

The object of the evolution was to enable the various commanders to ascertain if night tactics could be worked out in shallow waters while under cover of heavy weather and thick fog. The division made their base and passed out to sea shortly after eight bells in the second dog watch. The destroyer escort in front led by Commander Lindsay encountered several mines of the Black Maria type and succeeded in sinking them without asking for much assistance, which, however, was given by all ships. After the preliminary action the fleet moved in line ahead to a spot near Mess Shoals, where a large force of the Red Fleet was reported to be at anchor. Here considerable resistance was encountered, the "Muirhead" and "Sleuth" especially having heavy work. The "Muirhead" ran with all lights out and every time an enemy flare was put up they were extinguished. The "Grant" dropped out of action with engine trouble, but was able to rejoin later in the engagement. The "Sawers" went into action with the band playing and the crew singing lustily. The "Case", "Nordheimer" and "Drury" were in the thick of the action all the time and several direct hits were recorded especially by the "Nordheimer." From the encounter at Mess Shoals, Admiral De Boo moved the fleet N.N.W. ¼ S. to a spot near Ante Room Bank, where torpedo practice was indulged in and great success attained. The "Smeat" developed trouble with its steering gear at this juncture and the "Williams" was forced to rig a jury rudder overside to keep up with the fleet. The action was continued in higher latitudes in the vicinity of Quarters Reef, where owing to heavy weather four of our fleet became engaged with each other. The "Sleuth" rammed the "Grant" and was in turn rammed by the "Sawers" and the "Smeat." The "Smeat" also ran

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THE MORNING AFTER THE NIGHT BEFORE.

Officers who attended the Re-union Dinner at St. Johns.
(Photographed on the lawn of the Officers' Mess)



Left to Right—Lieut. L. D. Hammond, Capt. H. N. Bate, Major H. S. tethem, Capt. M. Drury, Lieut. F. A. Warren, Lieut. G. Williams, Major E. A. Hethring ton, Major F. Sawers, M.C., Capt. J. Wood, Capt. J. L. Smeaton, Capt. D. A. Grant, M.C., Capt. R. B. LeBlanc, Major D. B. Bowie, D.S.O., Capt. T. A. James, Lt. Col. E. A. Williams, Major W. A. Blue, Major R. B. Nord heimer, M.C., Lieut. H. D. Warren, Capt. N. M. Halkett, M.C., Capt. Allen Case, Lt. Col. W. H. Muirhead, O.B.E.

aground but was able to get off under its own power. About one bell in the morning watch the weather became so heavy and the fog so thick that further action was out of the question and the fleet returned to their base. The "Grant" and "Sawers" suffered some damage to their headlights and the "Smeat" ripped several large holes in its outer casing. The "Blue" was slightly damaged by hvaing one of its range finders smashed early in the encounter, but was able to proceed under a slow bell. Admiral De Boo expressed himself as being fully satisfied with the action and it is a foregone conclusion that the fleet will carry out further tactics at a later date.

DANCE AT THE CAVALRY BARRACKS.

The last dance of the season was held in the gymnasium at the Cavalry Barracks on Friday, April 25th, and as usual proved to be a huge success. The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the good work of the fatigue party was demonstrated by the many praiseworthy remarks passed about the splendid condition of the floor.

Dancing commenced about 9

p.m. and continued until the small hours of the morning; refreshments were served during the intermission.

The men of the Barracks have the reputation of being first class hosts, and their dances are eagerly looked forward to, and appreciated by the members of the Barracks and their civilian friends.

During the evening the orchestra furnished the following up-to-date programme, in their usual style, which renders it unnecessary to make any further praiseworthy remarks here, as their style is already well known.

- 1.—Waltz—Just a girl men forget.
- 2.—Fox Trot—I love you.
- 3.—Fox Trot—Kiss Mamma, Kiss Papap.
- 4.—Paul Jones.
- 5.—Fox Trot—Sweet and Low.
- 6.—M.L. Waltz—Aloha Land.
- 7.—Fox Trot—Mad.
- 8.—Fox Trot—Mamma loves Papa.
- 9.—Fox Trot—Pussy Cat.

Intermission.

- 10.—Fox Trot—Linger Awhile.
- 11.—One Step—No, No, Nora.
- 12.—Fox Trot—Hoot' Mon.
- 13.—Fox Trot—House of David Blues,

14.—M.L. Waltz—When Lights are low.

15.—Fox Trot—Take those lips away.

16.—Fox Trot—In a Caravan.

17.—Fox Trot—Eilleen.

18.—Home Waltz—Wonderful World, etc., etc.

Extra—1.—Sweet and Low.
God Save the King.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Tpr. W. Jewkes, R.C.D., having been persuaded that it is a lack of economy of energy to attempt to "Swallow the Last Post" until he has recovered from the injuries he sustained to his epiglottis and larynx when he swallowed so much of the accounts of the Concert Party last month. But, Tpr. Jewkes wishes to inform the Patrons of The Goat that during the coming week he will swallow a few imitation reporters and other things.

There was a young lady named Banker
Who slept while the ship was at anchor,
She awoke with dismay,
When she heard the mate say
"Now hoist up the topsheet and Spanker."
—(Amputations' Quarterly)

Here and There.

King Edward's Horse Disbanded.

The King has approved, with great regret, the disbandment of King Edward's Horse (the King's Overseas Dominions Regiment), with effect from March 31st. At first styled "The King's Colonials" the Regiment was formed in November 1901, during the South African War. In that year on the recommendation of the Secretary for War and the Commander in Chief, King Edward approved the formation of "a Mounted Corps with machine gun battery, ambulance, and signallers, attached, to be composed of Colonials resident in and near London." In 1911 the title was changed to "King Edward's Horse," but the conception of the Regiment remains the same.—(Army, Navy & Air Force Gazette.)

The King Edward's Horse were brigaded with the Royal Canadian Dragoons, and The Lord Strathcona's Horse in "Seeley's Force" and worked with us in the trenches during the early days of the war. On the formation of the Canadian Cavalry Brigade they were replaced by the Fort Garry Horse. The King Edward's Horse then maintained a squadron in France as Corps Cavalry, and the remainder of the regiment were stationed in Ireland.

We will always retain many very pleasant memories of our association with this splendid regiment, and it is with the deepest feelings of regret that we have learned of their disbandment.

Olympic Jumping.

The United States Army Jumping team leave for France on June 4th and will complete their training on arrival. They have some good jumpers, and these will be seen at the Horse Show at Olympia. The Commandant, Major Barry, orders for competition, a short stirrup and foot well home; a well-forward seat in the saddle; body forward as the horse approaches and hands low at the neck; just enough leg for security; as the horse takes off go forward with him, supported by grip and stirrup; never hit; the short stirrup favours the forward movement, and places the body in the centre of gravity as this changes, and it assists in the recovery of the seat when the horse has landed; never get "behind" your horse, but always forward and "with" him, or he may rush or refuse; if the body is not well forward at the approach it will get behind as the

horse rises and throw weight from the true vertical line towards the hindquarters as the horse is lifting them; give absolute freedom of head and neck, and he will do the jump provided the rider has the right forward balance.—(Army, Navy & Air Force Gazette.)

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, formerly the Royal North West Mounted Police, were first organized in September 1873. Their fiftieth anniversary will be celebrated at MacLeod on July 1st, 2nd and 3rd. The event will be one of the biggest of its kind ever held in the West. We heartily congratulate the R.C.M.P. on reaching the half century mark.

Military Tournament and Horse Show.

The Military Tournament and Horse Show of the Montreal Hunt Club are being combined this year, and will be held at the Mount Royal Arena on Saturday, May 31st. The entertainment is being held under the auspices of the Montreal Hunt, and the Royal Military College Club, and will be under the distinguished patronage of His Excellency Lord Byng, Governor General of Canada; His Honor the Lieut.-Governor of the Province of Quebec; and the Honorable the Minister of National Defence. The programme will consist of various riding events connected with the Horse Show, and the Military Tournament will consist of displays by the Gentlemen Cadets of the Royal Military College, Kingston, Ont., a Musical Ride by "A" Squadron Royal Canadian Dragoons, St. Johns, Que., and a demonstration of drill by "D" Coy. The Royal Canadian Regiment, Montreal.

The amalgamation of these two extremely popular events is sure to prove a huge drawing card, and a record crowd is expected.

The members of "A" Squadron are practising daily for the Musical Ride, and several of the officers are busy schooling their horses over the jumps in preparation for the Horse Show.

The "Sheik" Wrecked.

It is with much regret that we report the wreck of Major Stethem's fine cruiser the "Sheik." Major Stethem and Captain LeBlanc were piloting the "Sheik" from Lachine, where it had been laid up for the winter, to St. Johns, on Sunday last. After passing in record time through the Lachine Canal they exper-

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ience slight engine trouble, and decided to take shelter behind Laurier Pier to make the necessary repairs. According to the chart of the harbour there is a wide stretch of water 40 ft. deep behind the pier, but they had the misfortune to strike a submerged pier that is under construction. There was absolutely nothing to

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Tuesday, May 27th — "Marriage Morals."

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Sunday, June 1st — "Fool's Awakening."

Tuesday, June 3rd — "Desire."

Thurs., June 5th — "Heart Bandit."

Saturday, June 7th — "South Sea Love."

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indicate the presence of this danger, several iron rods protruding from the pier rammed the bottom of the "Sheik" and she at once began to settle down. The life boat was quickly lowered, but seeing that the "Sheik" could only sink down about four feet onto the pier, Captain LeBlanc manned the boat and made several trips to the shore with salvage. During the salvage operations Major Stetson "missed the boat" and had a very cold swim in the St. Lawrence. Eventually through the assistance of Lt. Col. Williams (late R.C.D.) Chief of the Harbour Police, a tug was sent to assist, and tried to pump out the water. One of the crew of the tug who had got on board the "Sheik" must have struck a light which ignited some gasoline that was floating on top of the water in the after cabin, for suddenly there was an explosion and the whole after cabin burst into flames. A fire hose was then turned on from the tug, but it was about twenty minutes before the flames were extinguished. One member of the tug crew was very severely burnt, and was rushed to the hospital.

The actual damage to the "Sheik" has not yet been established. The whole affair would seem to be the result of gross carelessness on somebody's part, as such an obstruction should never have been left unmarked in charted waters.

NOTES FROM STANLEY BARRACKS.

We regret to announce that Lt. Col. Gilman, D.S.O., our Commanding Officer, has been confined to his quarters for several weeks through illness. We sincerely hope that by now he is O.K. again.

Regimental Headquarters and "B" Squadron will trek from Stanley Barracks, Toronto, to Camp at Niagara on the Lake about June 3rd, and will conduct a Cavalry Camp School there.

The Officers, Warrant Officers and Men of the Royal Canadian Dragoons, Stanley Barracks, Toronto, held a Military Tournament and Gymkana on Wednesday, May 14th. The programme consisted of Mounted Events, Jumping, Equestrian Circus, Clowns, Gymnastic Display, etc.

The Toronto Garrison Sergeants Association Cribbage League for 1923-1924.—After a very successful season, the last "Crib" game has been played and the 75th Scottish Regt. are the winners of the splendid cup kindly presented by

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A post season game of Cribbage was played between the Royal Grenadiers Sgts. Mess, and the Station Sgts. Mess at Stanley Barracks. The Grenadiers donated a magnificent Cup for the occasion, the game to be "sudden death." After a very close and hard fought game the Station Mess won out by the narrow margin of 2 points. When presenting the Cup to the victors the Captain of the Grenadiers' team remarked, "There are some greater trophies—this is the Grater Trophy."

Had Captain Grant been present when the "Sheik" was wrecked, the difficulty of salvaging would have been greatly simplified.

OUR CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Major J. Jeffrey, The R.C.R. and Sergt. D. Stuart, C.M.S.C., two members of the Permanent Force, for being selected for the Canadian Bisley Team.

Captain N. M. Halkett for being the uncrowned Emperor of China as far as Mah Jong is concerned.

Tpr. Jewkes for catching the first fish of the season.

"Bruno" for being a good dog in spite of the shape he's in.

The Garrison Gunners' for turning out such horsemen as S.S.M. Smith.

Captain Grant, for taking the chip off his shoulder and putting it in his eye.

Staff Sergt. Ellis, for telling a funny story in ten reels.

S/Sgt. Hill, for his business-like method of disposing of old shoes.

S.S.M. Smith for attaining his 37th birthday, and still retaining his youth and vigour without the aid of a gland specialist. May he live long and die happy.

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A letter from Pte. Ben. Murray, late No. 314 "A" Sqn. R.C.D.

Chateau Frontenac, Quebec, April 25, 1924.

The Editor "The Goat":

I would like in some way to express my appreciation of the welcome I received at the hands of the "Old Boys" of "A" Sqn. R.C.D. at St. Johns. It was mighty fine to discover that the bond of comradeship built up during the war, is just as real as ever, and strong — if not stronger than ever.

I have this afternoon just come from the spot where we as a Regiment, performed our first duty of the war, namely the "Arsenal" Quebec.

I spent an afternoon with Canon Scott recently, who was in frequent touch with our regiment during the war, and has given us "honorable mention" several times in his War History. We fought over again some of the famous old battles, and exchanged stories and incidents of note.

It was rather a coincidence to discover that the one and only time we had occasion to speak to each other in France, was related to an occurrence, which found a place in his diary, and by which he remembered me. I had just finished, with some effort, preparing a tasty noonday meal on the "Messines front", and during a short absence, the Germans, with some lack of consideration for my appetite, made a direct hit and spoiled it. I was painting the air indigo when the Canon happened by. He remembered me!

Good luck R.C.D's.

Ben. Murray.

In a letter received from Lt. Col. L. P. Sherwood, of Ottawa, late "A" Sqn. R.C.D., Lt. Col. Sherwood says:—"I very much enjoy "The Goat" and it is a pleasure to keep in touch with the activities of the Regiment and of the former members.

I am glad your hockey team enjoyed their visit to Ottawa, and hope Bill will be able to arrange a return visit to play ball."

A letter has been received by Major D. B. Bowie, from Brig. General C. M. Nelles, C.M.G., late Commanding Officer of the R. C.D's, in which General Nelles stated:—"I enclose herewith cheque for "The Goat". I think it covers a great need, and I enjoy very much the news of all the old boys."

A most interesting letter has

been received from ex-Pte. W. L. Couture, late No. 55029 "A" Sqn. R.C.D. The letter was accompanied by a most generous donation of \$10.00 for "The Goat." Mr. Couture is now the proprietor of a theatre, billiard, and ice cream parlor, etc., at Temiskaming, Que. In his letter he states:—

"I came up here two weeks after I was demobilized with a view of opening up a theatre; the Riordon Pulp Corp. at that time, were just starting to build the mill and town, and I got in on the ground floor, so to speak.

"I look forward with great interest to receiving "The Goat" every month, as it keeps alive memories of the past associations as well as keeping in touch with the present.

"I would like to see a movement launched, with the co-operation of "B" Sqn. of Toronto, in organizing a re-union of the present and ex-members of the regiment. Different battalions in Canada have their annual re-union and I cannot see why with proper organization the R.C.D's can't do the same. If a movement is started to that effect, you can count on me for a generous contribution."

W. A. Forham, who was a signaller with the regiment overseas, paid a visit to Stanley Barracks last month, to see some of his old friends. Forham's address is Amherstburg, Ont. He also took a subscription to "The Goat."

Sackville, N.B., April 12, 1924.

The Editor, "The Goat":

Dear Sir,—I have read with the greatest interest your last issue of "The Goat." It is splendidly put together and excellent in every respect. I enclose cheque for \$5.00 to cover this year's subscription. Am sorry that I didn't become a subscriber before. Such a paper as this should go a long way towards keeping up interest in the regiment, particularly among those who are not now actively associated with it.

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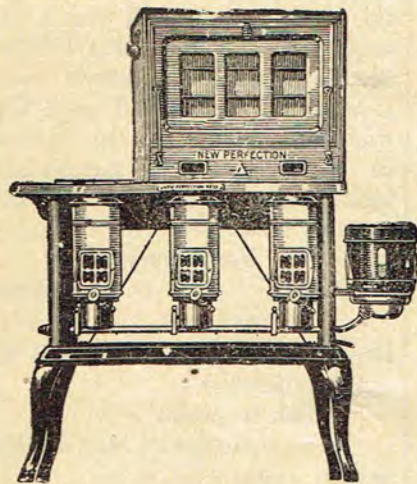
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our old friends in St. Johns, Toronto and Ottawa, and I, for one, am a supporter of "The Goat" and only hope that it (The Goat) will have a long and happy existence.

Yours truly,
A. B. Martin.

News of "Bill" Proby.

Within the last seven months amateur sport in the way of riding and polo has been given a great impetus in Victoria by the formation of the Victoria Riding Academy and Polo Club. This splendid organization is under the direct management of Captain W. C. Proby (18 years R.N.W.M.P.) and B. Carley (late Leatherhead Riding School) Eposm, England. Captain Proby is in charge of all instructional work. B. Carley, field and track events, and polo.—(Canadian Lawn Tennis and Amateur Sportsman.)

"Bill" Proby went overseas with the Royal North West Mounted Police and came to the Royal Canadian Dragoons with a draft from that unit. Whilst with the R.C.D.'s he acted as Regimental Transport Officer.

Last month we stated that ex-Pte. "Bill" Bailey, late "A" Sqn. R.C.D., was at the D.S.C.R. Hospital, St. Anne's, where he had to undergo an operation. We are now pleased to report that the operation was successful, that Bill is well on the road to recovery again. In fact he paid a visit to Barracks whilst on convalescent leave from the hospital.

Ex-Pte. Hughes, who took his discharge from "A" Sqn. about two years ago, visited us last month.

Bytown Bits.

Saw the Pictures. — Through the kindness of Lieut. Col. W. K. Walker, D.S.O., M.C., commanding the Canadian Small Arms School, the members of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards, had the privilege of seeing the new motion pictures recently imported from England by the Department of National Defence. These pictures show scenes at Netheravon, Aldershot, Seaford and other centres and show cavalry, machine guns, artillery, engineers and tanks at their work. In addition the pictures of B Squadron, R.C.D., taken at Toronto, were also shown. Not the least interesting were the views of Major Timmis and his world beating circus.

Goes to Winnipeg.—Lieut. Col. A. G. Turner of the Canadian Small Arms School, has left for Winnipeg, where he will be stationed for some time.

Comes to Ottawa.—Q.M.S.I. T. A. Aisthorpe, D.C.M., M.M., R.C.D., has been transferred to Ottawa from Kingston and has been attached permanently to the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. All ranks are glad to welcome Willie.

Held Service.—A memorial service was held in the Auditorium on Sunday afternoon, April 20, in commemoration of the Second battle of Ypres. The G.W.V.A. and a large number of unattached veterans turned out. The bands of the 38th Royal Ottawa Regiment and the G.G.F.G. played during the ceremony. Addresses were given by Major G. G. D. Kilpatrick, D.S.O., chaplain of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards,

the Rev. Father Desjardins, Hull Regiment and Col. the Rev. Geo. Steacy.

Red Chevrons Dine.—The annual dinner of the Ottawa branch of the Red Chevron Association was held on the evening of April 22nd in the Wellington Hotel, Hull. About 250 ex-fighters were present and the chair was taken by Major Gen. J. H. MacBrien. Among those present were the Hon. E. M. Macdonald and the Right Hon. Arthur Meighen. A very pleasant time was spent and the evening enlivened with song and story.

Memorial Tablet Unveiled.—In the presence of the members of both the Senate and the Commons, the Right Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux unveiled a tablet in the House of Commons on the 24th of April to the memory of the late B. B. Law, former member for Yarmouth, N.S. Mr. Law lost his life in the fire that destroyed the Parliament buildings on Feb. 3, 1916.

Timmy in Town.—Major R. S. Timmis, D.S.O., R.C.D., was in town the latter part of April on departmental business at Defence Headquarters.

Staff Course Examinations.—The written examination in connection with the Militia Staff course were held in Ottawa on the 26th and 27th April. About ten officers of the garrison wrote.

Signallers Plug.—Captain Stanley Lee, R.C.C.S., was in town last month conducting the examinations of the signallers of the Ottawa Garrison.

Church Parade.—It is likely that a garrison church parade will be held in Ottawa about the middle of June. The R.C.N.V.R. and R.C.M. Police will in all probability take part in the event.

Who Can This Be.—Who is the Toronto officer who imagines that he can sign his bill at Henry's in payment of a luncheon.

Shoot at Connaught.—As far as the weekly shoots of the Ottawa garrison are concerned, Rockcliffe Range will be a dead place this year. On Saturday, May 3rd the season's shooting commenced at Connaught and notwithstanding the adverse weather conditions a good crowd attended. The marksmen go on the Ottawa car line as far as the crossing of the Richmond Road and from there transfer to departmental motor busses. Four cars were in operation and

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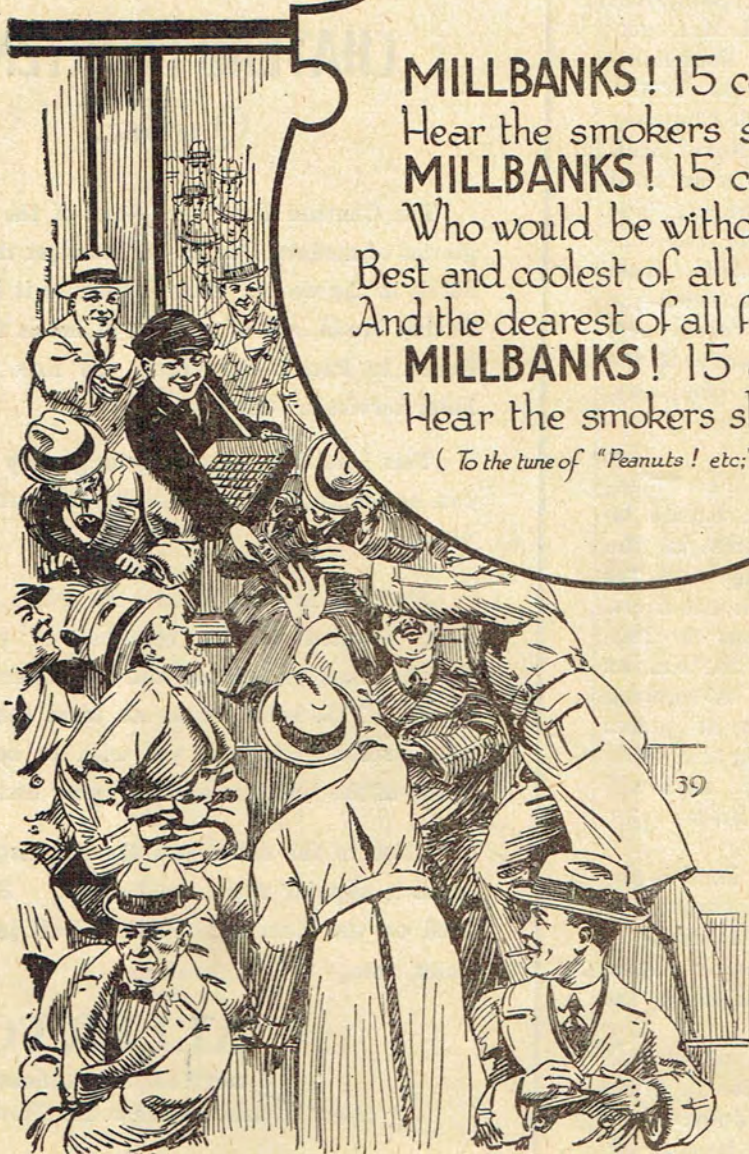
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all soldiers, who are members of the different rifle associations ride free on presentation of a pass countersigned by the secretary of the association.

Spring Training.—All units of the garrison are busy at their spring work now and the drill hall is a busy place every evening.

Amps Convene.—The annual convention of the Amputation Association was held in Ottawa on the 6th, 7th and 8th instant. A large number of delegates were present and a great deal of work put through.

Is Honorary Lieut.-Col.—Recent orders announce the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel R. M. Courtney to be honorary lieutenant-colonel of the Princess Louise Dragoon Guards. Col. Courtney is a graduate of the Royal Military College and was with Lord Strathcona's Horse during the South African war. He was connected with the P.L.D.G. from 1903 to 1914 and commanded the regiment for the last three years of his service. He succeeds the late Colonel F. F. E. Gourdeau, who died last October.

Thiepval's Voyage.—The Thiepval has arrived at the Kurile Islands after two months in the Arctic seas establishing bases for the British round the world fliers.

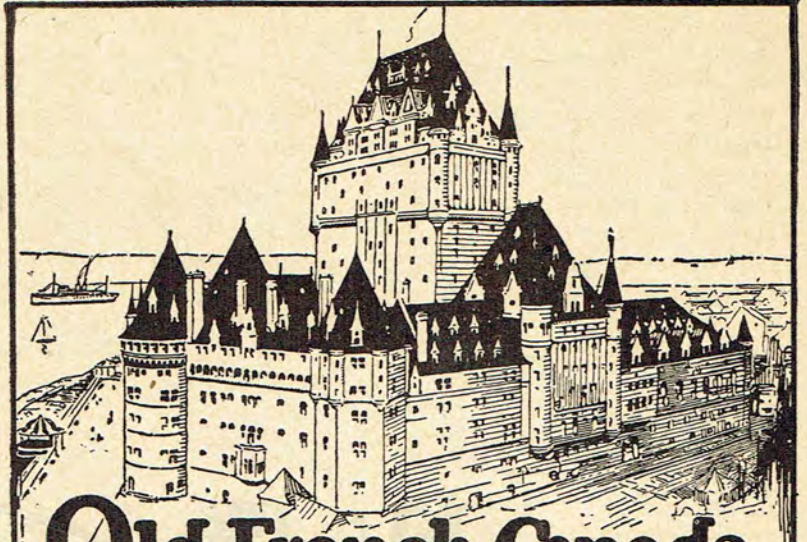
The Thiepval expects to continue southward along the Kuriles as soon as permission is received from Tokio for calls at places other than Kashiwabara and Hito-kappuwan. These two bays will be used by the United States army fliers.

Colonel Broome, the British airman's advance officer aboard the trawler, has established bases at Petropavlovsk, Behring Island, Attu and other places along the Aleutians.

The British officer expects the British airmen to arrive in Tokio about the middle of June.

From Tokio Colonel Broome expects to fly with the British contingent as far as Vancouver on account of his knowledge of weather conditions and bases. He said nothing had been left undone to insure the success of the flight, although it is "at long odds a gamble at best."

Navy League Meeting.—That the sea cadets should have the same government consideration as school cadets and other corps subsidized by the Department of National Defence, was the opinion expressed by Major-General F. L. Lessard, C.B., at the annual meet-

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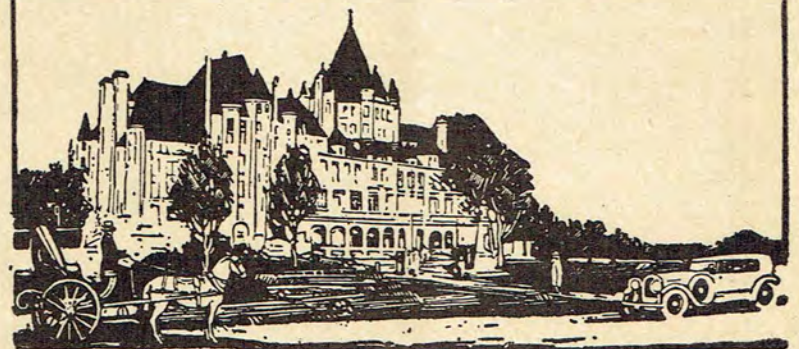
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ing of the Navy League of Canada, Ontario Division at the Victoria Memorial Museum, May 6th. General Lessard suggested that the department be approached on the matter. Mr. Samuel Harris, Toronto, president of the Ontario Division, was in the chair at the meeting which was well attended.

The Sea Cadet movement was described as one of Canada's finest investments. By it boys were built up to fit themselves for a useful life. It was held that one of the chief causes of juvenile delinquency was lack of occupation. The sea cadet corps filled that want for the boy. The naval work had a great fascination. Major F. W. McBrien, Toronto Board of Education, suggested that each high school cadet corps be linked up with some militia regiment thus forming a basis for an esprit de corps and resulting patriotism which would tend to the use of all things Canadian.

R. M. C. Ball. — The premier event at the Royal Military College, the June ball, will be held on June 16 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. The closing events at the college will follow the succeeding days. This year, the guests will not be as

many as hitherto. The ball will have the charm of previous ones, but the elaborate decoration, sitting-out places, etc., will be much curtailed.

Bisley Team.—Six crack rifle shots from local military units comprising one-third of the entire team, have been selected for the 1924 Canadian Rifle team, which is to take part in the competitions of the National Rifle Association, at Bisley, England, which commences on July 7th.

The announcement of the personnel of the team was made by Lt. Col. R. J. Birdwhistle, secretary of the Dominion of Canada Rifle Association, shows that the shooting team this year will consist of 18 members, three more than last year, and of this number three members belong to the Governor General's Foot Guards; one from the 38th Battalion; one from the Army Service Corps; and one from the corps of staff clerks at Ottawa.

The Ottawa shots are as follows:—

Lieut. H. W. Bishop, G.G.F.G.
Pte. D. Burke, G.G.F.G.
Sergt. A. F. B. Wilson, G.G.F.G.
Major R. S. Cross, 38th Batt.

Sergt.-Major F. J. Goodhouse, Army Service Corps.

Sergt. D. Stuart, corps of staff clerks.

The 1924 team, which will be under the command of Major J. E. L. Straight, M.C., of Islington, Ont., and adjutant, Captain George Crichton, of Toronto, is the largest that has gone from Canada since the end of the war. The shooting members of the team are:—

Sergt. J. A. Bowen, Edmonton; Co. Sgt. Maj. W. J. Jaffrey, Toronto; Pte. H. J. White, Toronto; Lieut. H. W. Bishop, Ottawa; Lieut. Alex. Martin, Calgary; Gr. F. Ho Lem, Calgary; Sgt. R. Storrer, Toronto; S.-Sgt. J. Binnie, Hamilton; Pte. D. Burke, Ottawa; Pte. B. W. Beaumont, Victoria; R.-Sgt.-Maj. F. J. Goodhouse, Ottawa; Major J. Jeffrey, Kingston; Major R. S. Cross, Ottawa; Sgt. A. F. B. Wilson, Ottawa; Maj. Fred Richardson, Victoria; Co.-Sgt.-Maj. W. A. Hawkins (G.M.), Toronto; Lt.-Col. C. D. Spittal, St. John, N.B.; Sgt. D. Stuart, C.M.S.C., Ottawa.

The waiting men are as follows: Lieut. F. W. Huggins, Toronto; C.Q.M.-Sgt. A. Parnell, Montreal; Lieut. J. E. Foreman, Hamilton;

Pte. W. J. Irvine, Ottawa.

Of the eighteen regular shooting members of the team, eleven have not been on a Canadian Bisley team, and seven have shot over the Bisley ranges. To select the team, which is considered a very good one, the choice had to be made from the first thirty-one leading marksmen in the Bisley aggregate at the D.C.R.A. meet.

This year's team is not the largest that has represented Canada, as from 1871 up to the first year of the war, Canada sent twenty shots. The first year after the war the Canadian team comprised 12 members, and last year this quota was increased to 15.

The team will sail on the S.S. Caronia from Quebec on June 12th, and before embarkation will be inspected at the Victoria Rifles Armory, Montreal, on June 11th.

If we can believe the newspaper reports regarding the wreck of the "Sheik" Major Stethem and Capt. LeBlanc must be some athletes. One paper stated that they jumped ashore, and another said that they swam; when "The Goat" reporter visited the wreck the "Sheik" was lying at least 100 yards from shore.

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various reasons decide to start out
on their own in civil life again.
During the past month we regret
that five of our number have
taken their discharge, and each
one of them will be greatly missed.

Corporal M. J. R. Barker, who
enlisted in Toronto in August
1919, and came down to St. Johns
with "A" Sqn. in January 1920
was just a lad when he enlisted;
during his four and a half years
of service he has developed into a
man of splendid physique, and a
very promising athlete. As a
junior non-commissioned officer
he was very highly thought of by
all ranks; he specialized in sig-
nalling, and had the makings of a
first class instructor. Good at all
sports, mounted, dismounted and
aquatic, he has played a promi-
nent part in all our sports days, and
he has also been a very useful
member of our football, baseball
and hockey teams, being captain
of the latter team in 1923. He
was a member of the Barrack Con-
cert Party, and as a member of
the entertainment committee, has
played an important part in or-
ganizing many of the delightful
dances, smoking concerts, etc.,
that have been held during the
past two years. Barker's address
will be 638 Evelyn St., Verdun,
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Tpr. J. M. Kelly enlisted in
Toronto in 1919, and was trans-
ferred to St. Johns in the sum-
mer of 1920; like Barker he was
one of our most prominent athletes
figuring in all kinds of sports,
and a member of the football,
baseball and hockey teams.

Tpr. Wilfred Lalonde, was an
old timer, being a lumberman in
Northern Quebec, he enlisted with
the 21st Battalion in the early
days of the war and served contin-
uously with that unit until demob-
ilization, when he enlisted in the
Royal Canadian Dragoons at To-
ronto, and was a member of the
advanced party of "A" Sqn. who
came to St. Johns in January
1920. He had the reputation of
being the strongest man in the
squadron, and was frequently
seen carrying a bale of hay that
normally two or three men would
struggle to move. Tpr. Lalonde
is going to take up farming at Ste.
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many of our concerts and smokers,
as well as assisting in entertain-
ments down town. As a cornet
player in the Barrack Orchestra
he has done his bit with that little
band of heroes, who blow and bang
for hours at a time in order that
the rest of us may "trip the light
fantastic" to the tune of the lat-
est fox trot.

Tpr. D. W. Stevenson was only
with us for five months, but dur-
ing that time he became well liked
by us all. He served through the
war with the 21st Battalion,
C.E.F.

Another old timer who, although
not a member of the Royal Cana-
dian Dragoons, has been very
closely connected with us at this
station is Pte. Hector Cataford of
the Royal Canadian Permanent
Army Medical Corps. He was on
the hospital staff at this station
before the war, served overseas,
and on his return was again posted
to the R.C.A.M.C. detachment
here.

Letter Box.

A LETTER FROM H.M.S.
VALERIAN.

Kingston, Jamaica,
10th April, 1924.

Dear Editor:

Am in receipt of copy of "The
Goat" for March, thanks very
much for sending same, as we have
just arrived after three weeks'
stay in Mexico and having receiv-
ed no mails there we were very
short of reading matter. Each
copy seems to be an improvement
on the previous one.

Apropos of Ma's letter and your
query on page 5, col. 1, re "Orse
Marines" it has caused much con-
trovery aboard here as to whether
the P.O. in question was an
"horsemarine" or an "hoarse-
marine." Majority vote the lat-
ter and we think that our friends
of the Sergeants' Mess will agree
if their attention is called to fig. 2
from the right of the front line, in
the photograph of the group taken
outside their mess on the occasion
of their mounted sports last year.

Also, when it got mounted such
remarks as "Don't touch him,"
"Let him be," "Don't touch its
ears," etc., etc., were heard by

other "hornyfoots" present, and the only conclusion that we can come to is, that the only horse that he has been used to, is the one that the missus dries the clothes on, and under no circumstances could that be confused with those animals with a leg at each corner called an horse, and a lot of other things besides by some of the R.C.D's on cold mornings, therefore we say most emphatically that he is NOT an horse-marine.

Some of us have been to Gibraltar, Malta, and Port Said ramps and have seen Marines mounted in those places, but, we are afraid, not on the familiar quadruped called an "norse."

There are sea-horses of the sort that make some Marines view their breakfast for the second times as soon as the ship is clear of the harbour, but the ship only rides that sort.

There are also "orse-seamen" but only at 8 bells, i.e. 12 noon, when the "Tot" is being issued.

So to the last paragraph of Ma's letter we reply, "There ain't no sich fing" and to Ma's old man, we respectfully call his attention to verse 4 of Psalm 9 in the Big Book, and we will help him to remain seated on it when next we call at St. Johns, P.Q.

Wishing you every success.

Yours sincerely,

J. W. Booth,

Chief Stoker,

H.M.S. Valerian.

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The Editor "The Goat":

The Dance on Friday, April 25th was without doubt, in the opinion of those who are most capable of judging, a great success, yet we hear remarks from a certain party (one, and by the way, the only one) to the effect that the arrangements were rotten, the refreshments anything but the right sort, and the Dance in general, well to put it in his own words, "He had seen and been to better."

Perhaps he had, and perhaps he had not, in any case we have only got his word for it, and that is not taken to count for much.

If these sort of people who have a head full of wonderful suggestions for improvement on the efforts of those who are trying to do their best, would only please come forward and offer their said suggestions, perhaps the committee responsible for the arrangements of our dances would feel more satisfied, as it would give them a chance to remedy these supposed defects in our arrangements, before the show came off, and they would not have to wait until after the show was over to hear the criticisms of those that know all

about it.

Let's hope that for any future events of this sort, this party will come forward and offer his up to date opinions, which from his point of view, will materially help to the success of any future efforts.

—From one who has spent a lot of time to help make these dances a success.

POPULAR SONGS IN ADVERTISING.

A very famous and, at the same time, very cynical writer has advanced the bon mot that "a public man is never truly great until the cartoonists deem him worthy of caricature." If this is carried to its logical conclusion, then it may be that a song is never truly popular until it has induced someone to write a parody on it; which, of course, is an excellent thing for song writer and publisher, because the clever parody is certain to add increasing vogue to the popular song.

In similar vein, the famous Henry Ford is said to have stated that he did not care what newspapers, cartoonists, vaudeville performers and song writers said about the Ford car as long as they mentioned the name; it was the best advertising he wanted. A number of lilting, tilting, whistlable songs have lately formed the basis of a clever advertising campaign. Using such favourites as "Last Night on the Back Porch", "Cut Yourself a Piece of Cake", "Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Shean", "Yes, We Have no Bananas" and "That Old Gang of Mine" and many others, the parodies are clever enough to remind one of MILLBANK Cigarettes whenever the songs are sung or played.

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Captain Halkett is very busy with his garden; there are quite a number of patients in hospital and we don't expect to see them back at duty until the seeds are all in.

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The annual meeting of the 4th M.D.R.A. was held at D.H.Q.'s on Wednesday, April 23rd, 1924, at 4.00 p.m. Major W. Neilson, D.S.O., President of the Ass'n, in the chair. The meeting discussed the minutes of the last general meeting, and other general business, and the following officers were elected to hold office for the coming season.

The District Officer commanding the District was re-elected Honorary President by acclamation.

President—Major W. Neilson, D.S.O., re-elected.

Vice-President—Lt. Col. B. C. White, O.B.E.

2nd Vice-President—Sgt. Maj. Todd, R.C.E.

Sec.-Treas.—Sgt. J. Sproston, Asst. Sec.-Treas.—Sgt. F. Fee-
ney, C.M.S.C.

Captain—Arm. S/Sgt. Lapage, R.C.O.C.

Vice-Captain—Sgt. Major Ab-
rey, R.C.E.

The following were selected to act on the General Committee for the coming season:—

SM. (W.O.1) Lashley, R.C.A. P.C.

Sgt. Grinham, R.C.O.C.

Sgt. Maxwell, R.C.A.S.C.

Sgt. Thwaites, R.C.O.C.

Pte. Wright, R.C.A.S.C.

S/Sgt. Ellis, R.C.D.

1 N.C.O. or man from "D" Co. The R.C.R.

The President announced that the D.O.C. intended to grant a half holiday each Wednesday during the shooting season, and that a stronger effort would be made this year to bring more successful results than in previous years.

S/Sgt. Ellis is the Secretary for the members of "A" Sqn. R.C.D., who are members of the 4th M.D. R.A., and any one wishing to become a member of the Ass'n, should get in touch with him as

soon as possible. He can furnish all information on the matter.

Baseball.

So far the weather has been against us in our baseball activities, the field has been too wet for practice, and the only workouts we have noticed have been the batteries, and the wood-be batteries, throwing the ball about.

Through sad experience we have learned not to prophesy too much about what our teams are going to do. They usually start off like a toy balloon in all their glory, then bust at the critical moment. However, we never have lacked talent at baseball and there is no reason why we should not have as good a team as usual. We will miss the services of Kelly and Barker, but we will have Major Nordheimer to fall back on. Tpr. Penny has been re-elected as captain of the "A" Squadron team for the third year in succession.

The Twilight Baseball League are holding meetings down town, and it looks as though there will be a four team league playing on the Barrack field as usual.

A game of indoor ball was played (outdoors) on the square, on the first fine day we had, the third troop defeated the second troop after a very close and interesting struggle, in which both teams displayed some very good talent.

Wednesday last the 3rd Troop defeated Sqn. H.Q. and now that each team have had a chance to discover their talent a league will be formed.

Football.

At a meeting of the Squadron Football enthusiasts, the following officials were elected for the current season. Lient. L. D. Hammond, manager; Sergt. T. Sheehy, captain; Cpl. J. M. Gilmore, secretary, and L/Cpl. Stanyar and Tpr. McCleary members of the Football Committee.

Owing to the capriciousness of the Nova Scotia miners and one or two other minor causes, we have not entered the Montreal League, but we are affiliated with the P.Q.F.A. and hope to arrange a number of friendly games with some of the Montreal Clubs. The season will open on May 17th, when we will be opposed by the C.A.S.C. from Montreal.

The committee has arranged an inter-troop league schedule. The majority of these games will be played in the evenings. Points will be allotted in the usual manner, two for a win, one for a draw, and what the Cavalry man gave the Infantry man for holding his horse, for a loss.

While we have lost some of our former Squadron players, we can still turn out a pretty fair team. The Old Gang, comprising Lient. L. D. Hammond, S.S.M. Smith, Sgt. Bill Campbell, Sgt. Bill Hargraves, and Cpl. Gilmore will provide stiff opposition for the best of them. Then we still have Sgt. Sheehy, Sgt. Harris, L/Cpl. Stanyar, "Sailor" Lawrence, Tpr. Rowe, Tpr. N. Woods, Tpr. McCleary, Tpr. Campbell, and Tpr. Dawkes, who have all appeared on the Squadron team from time to time. Of the newcomers, Tpr. Steadman and J. Wood appear to be the most promising, but doubtless we shall be able to find some more material as the season progresses.

Hockey.

Each team in the St. Johns City Hockey League have received a cheque for \$100.00 as their share of the gate receipts from the Academy rink. It is expected that a Hockey smoker will be held in the Market Hall on Thursday, May 22nd. The object of the smoker is to present the challenge cup to the Champlain Hockey Team, and to make a start towards

interesting the citizens of St. Johns in the proposition of erecting a covered rink.

Victoria Day Sports.

The usual dismounted sports will be held on the Barracks field on the 24th May. The Musical Ride will be given and it is hoped that arrangements can be made to have the band of the Royal Highlanders of Canada with us for the day.

The programme of events is as follows:—

Morning.

1. Broad Jump.
2. High Jump.
3. Throwing the baseball.
4. Children's Race.
5. 100 yards dash.
6. Kicking the football.
7. Tug-o'-War, inter-troop.

Afternoon.

8. Three-legged race.
9. 220 yds. Race.
10. Egg and Spoon Race.
11. Relay Race.
12. Boat Race.
13. Ladies' Race (Barracks).
14. Mile Race.
15. Old Soldiers' Race—over 35 years of age.
16. Harem Race.
17. Obstacle Race.
18. "Musical Ride."

Events Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 14, 15, and 17, will count three points for a win, two for a second place, and one point for third, towards the LeBlanc Challenge Cup for the highest aggregate.

All clocks in the Barracks will be advanced one hour during the night of the 17th-18th May, in order to conform with the summer time that is coming into effect in St. Johns on that night.

The Royal Canadian Dragoons.

CHAPTER FOUR (Continued.)

On Oct. 8th at 3 a.m. the Regiment left for the Brigade concentration point in the valley 300, West of Joncourt and arrived at 6.00 a.m. Left at 8 a.m. across country to East of Estress, thence along South Side of Road to Geneve. The orders were to follow the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, keeping close touch. Reached a point 500 yards West of Serain, where heavy shelling and bombing took place, and 15 O.R. were wounded. The Regiment moved back to Carrierre and watered horses for the first time in twenty-four hours. The night was spent in the open and as heavy frost prevailed all ranks suffered severely from exposure. The Brigade moved again at 5.30 a.m. with R.C.D. in Reserve and reached Marez at 10.30 a.m. I Troop from "C" Squadron was despatched to take over Berthy from the L.S.H. and picked Eastern exits. At 2.30 p.m. "C" Squadron was ordered to capture Heumont, attacking from Berthy, 1 Troop of "A" Squadron was at-

tached to "C" for this operation. "C" Squadron, in conjunction with 1 Sq'dn F.G.H. took Heumont and as soon as this was done the Commanding Officer received orders from the Brigadier to push on and capture the final objective, the high ground North and slightly West of Le Cateau. On arriving at the place where he intended "Jumping off" from, he received a message that Major Newcomen with "C" Squadron was being counter attacked. The C.O. ordered three Troops from "B" Squadron to fill in the centre dismounted and to hold the enemy who could be seen advancing from the high ground about Le Cateau. "A" Squadron under Capt. Nordheimer, was despatched to make a mounted attack on the left flank. The C.O. then decided to push "B" Squadron forward and to leave word for Major Newcomen's Squadron to join the attack as soon as he could break off the engagement he was in. It was the C.O.'s intention to ride with "B" Squadron, but whilst he was walking back to his horse from a point where he had been reconnoitering, he was killed by a shell and the Adjutant wounded. In the loss of Lieut. Colonel Van Straubenzie the regiment suffered deeply, no Commanding Officer

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being more highly regarded by all ranks for his unceasing efforts on their behalf and his unfailing courtesy and consideration. Major T. Newcomen, M.C., assumed command of the Regiment and received instructions to get in touch with the L.S.H. at Troisvilles and reach the objective by an encircling movement via Rambourlieux Farm. This was accomplished successfully and posts were established along the high ground. Patrols entered Montay, but encountered no opposition. Heavy shelling took place during the night and early morning and an aeroplane was brought down by rifle fire about daybreak. The Brigade was relieved by the 7th Cavalry Brigade at 5 a.m. and the Regiment moved back to Troisvilles, where it remained until Oct. 15th, when the Brigade moved to the area Honnecourt-Bantouzelle, moving to Bus on the 15th. The next few weeks were spent in re-organizing and re-equipment.

On November 6th the regiment left Bus and arrived at Baralie at 12.10 a.m., leaving there at 7.30 a.m. next morning and moving to Quincy which was reached at 1 p.m. After several days on the march the regiment reached Per-

onnes and on November 11th acted as advance guard to the Brigade with "A" Squadron as left flank Guard to the Division. The Brigade halted at Tourpes at 10.40 while "A" Squadron which had lost touch halted at 11 a.m. at Gibecq. The cease fire was sounded at 11 a.m. and was heard by all with mingled feelings. After a few days spent in a much needed "clean up" in the back area, the march to the frontier commenced. On November 17th the Brigade left Maubray and arrived at Robecq-Rognon at noon 18th where it was received by the Burgomaster with much ceremony. The Regiment left at 6.15 a.m. November 21st and arrived at Wavre at 12.20 p.m. Here another ceremony took place the Commanding Officer being presented with a large bouquet of flowers. 1 Officer and 20 other ranks from the German Forces, who had been left behind at Wavre to hand over the guns, were escorted to the frontier by Lieut. Myles after having been roughly handled by the civilian inhabitants. The regiment arrived at Perwez on the 24th where it remained until December 15th, during this time exercise rides were

the order of the day and on the 12th the regiment was inspected by the Divisional Commander, General Harmon, and warmly complimented on its turn out. The regiment left Perwez on the 15th and arrived at Ramet at 11.30 a.m. 16th. Headquarters were in a Chateau which was used as an Officers' Club by the Regiment and a very enjoyable Xmas dinner was held by both men and officers in very comfortable surroundings. On February 28th the Regiment paraded for a farewell address by the Divisional Commander, who thanked all ranks for the good work done while in the Division. He read a letter from the former Divisional Commander Gen. MacAndrew, in which he said: "I congratulate you in getting the Canadian Cavalry Brigade in your Division. You will find them a true and loyal, hard working and hard fighting lot, and anything you ask them to do, rest assured it will be done if humanly possible." On March 2nd the regiment left Ramet and arrived in the Canadian Corps area, Marches les Dame the same day. The Cavalry Corps Commander, Lieut. Gen. Kavanagh, inspected the regiment on

the march and shook hands with about 50 of its oldest members, wishing them good luck and a speedy journey home. From the 3rd to 12th March the regiment remained in this area and with sorrowful hearts handed over their horses to the Belgian authorities. On the 13th it entrained at Nanache and arrived at Woincourt at 9.15 the 15th. Married personnel with wives in England were sent back in small detachments. A picked party was sent to Amiens where a tablet was erected and unveiled in memory of the Officers, N.C.Os and men of the regiment who had made the supreme sacrifice. The time in Havre was spent in demobilization duties and while the delay was irksome, all ranks cheerfully played the game. On April the 16th the regiment embarked and landed at Southampton on April 17th. The Brigade arrived at Bramshott Camp at 2 p.m. 17th and remained there until 21st May when it entrained for Liverpool, en route to Canada. The regimental strength on embarkation on S.S. Carmania was 15 Officers, 250 other ranks.

After a very uneventful voyage the Regiment landed at Halifax and proceeded to Toronto, arriving there on May 30th.



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